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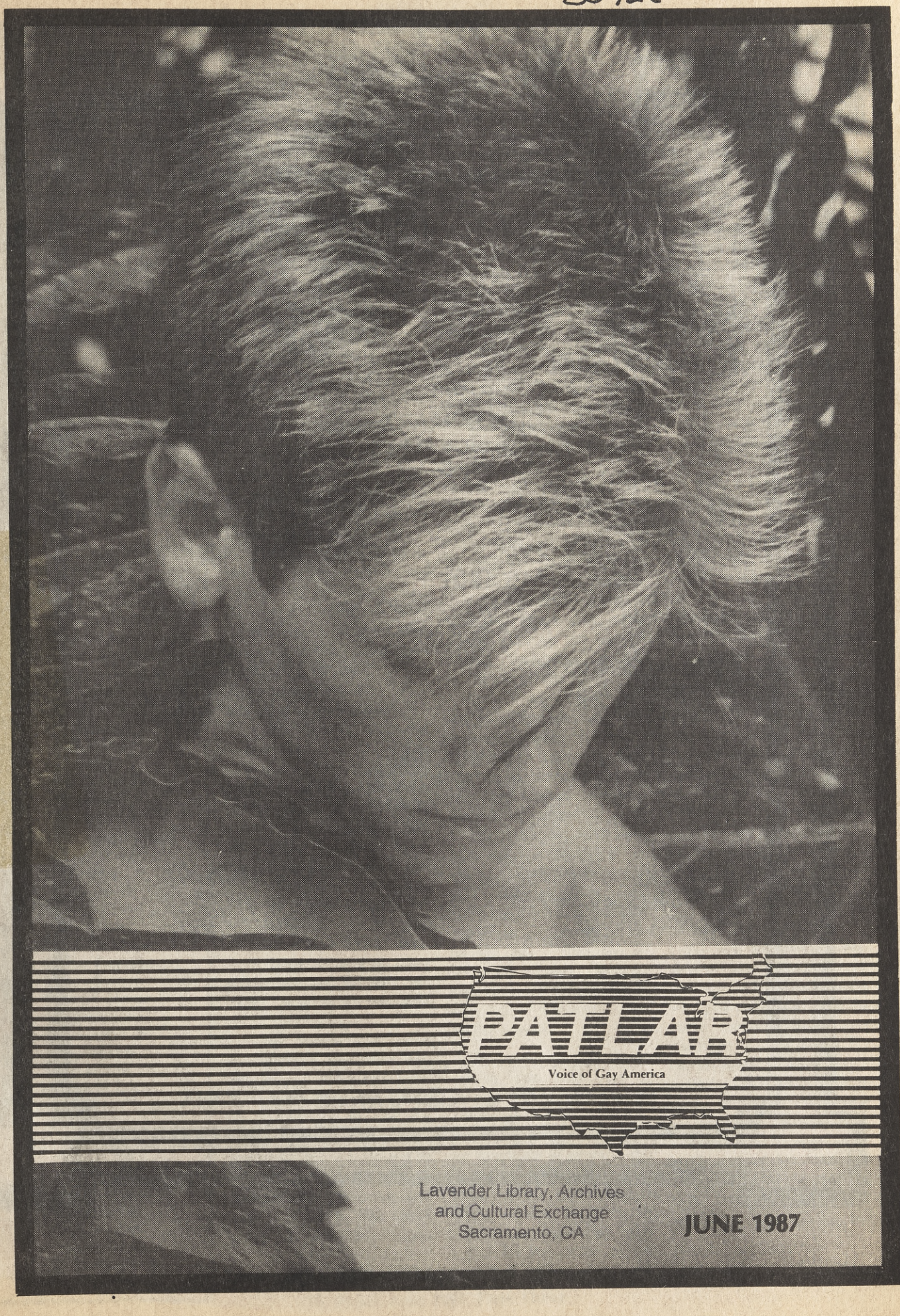

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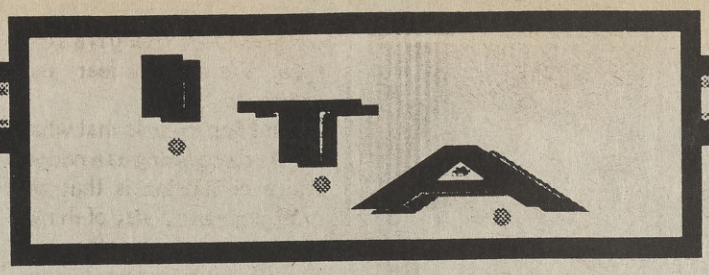

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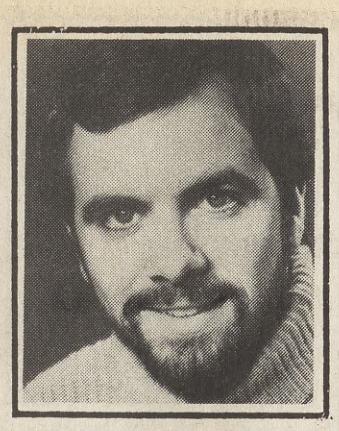

THE NEXT WAVE:

The "New Age" Revolution

by Douglas N. Lewis

There is a revolution going on in this country. A revolution in thought, in lifestyle, in relationships.

It is not a violent uprising, nor is it particularly noisy. There hasn't been any bloodshed, but there have been many casualties. The wounded make their own choices as to how to heal themselves in this war. Either they choose personal growth, or they choose personal destruction.

This war is being fought in the mind mostly, within each of our personal sensibilities and hopes for the future. We have come to a point where the old ways (the ways of our parents and teachers, whether that be through the educational system or through our religious leaders), these paths of accomplishment simply do not bring about the return tht they used to.

What people considered successful a few years ago only brings about heart disease and alcoholism today. The world has changed, not just in outward appearance, but in the inner workings of its inhabitants. We teeter on the edge of self-annihilation and try to ignore it. We speak about the difference among our cultures, skin colors, and lifestyles like anything beyond our immediate reality is a sickness. We live in fear and ignorance.

But I find it ironic that what we are discovering as a nation and a civilization is that we must embrace a way of thinking that is much older than the one we are replacing.

Oneness. The interaction of all things to the mutual benefit of all. It's interesting to me that this "New Age" thought is actually based in centuries of tradition and discovery; and we, in our naive egotism, think we are creating it for the world. Only in the west do we discover a country that had been populated for centuries. I'm referring, of course, to the discovering of America.

This age-old problem of man's judging everything from his personal experience has brought about more bigotry and fear than we have capacity for here in the 20th century. It's our very way of thinking that encourages this waste. If it's not like me, it's wrong. Ignorance breeds fear. Fear breeds hatred.

But it doesn't have to be this way. The rape of Africa is another example of the kind of ignorance that runs rampant in the world, especially within the kind of short-term gratification system that we employ. We as Americans have given up God for profit, spirituality for money, and have discovered that profit and money do not answer the questions that our souls continually ask. "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" "Who or what is God?" "What happens after death?" The answers are on the horizon.

The revolution that is happening, this New Age of thought and art and health, comes directly from philosophies that have been in effect for hundreds of years in the eastern world. Primarily India, China, and Japan. What we are beginning to realize and what they have known for known for centuries is that we are inextricably intertwined with the rest of the universe in such a way that whatever we do eventually comes back to us.

"What goes around come around" is taking on a whole new cosmic meaning. This applies to everything from retaliatory measures at our "enemies," to the kinds of foods we eat, to the way in which we deal with our spiritual selves. This resurgence of spiritual identity is coming at a time when we are reassessing our role in the world and within ourselves. We hear in the media every day about how somehow, somewhere we are destroying the world in which we live.

We see the self-destructiveness of how we live our lives, and the questions that come up cannot be easily answered. We have begun to realize that we cannot only destroy our world through nuclear means, but also by the slow eating away of our resources (ie., our natural resources, our food, and even our children).

Every kind of disease, whether it be physical, social, or spiritual is being visited upon the world. Faminines that are more destructive in what happens to the souls of the people than in the actual starvation of bodies are making us aware each day of how we are involved, even though we may be thousands of miles away in our easy chairs snacking on foods that have no nutritional value.

We are all brothers and sisters—now there's a novel thought, right? Once again, we come back to what all the great teachers have ever taught us—we are all one. We can no longer get by with separatism. Let's not condemn ourselves to an eternity of making the same mistakes.

We must join together—black and white, Arab and Jew, young and old, rich and poor, right and wrong. The revolution is happening, but

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DreamSpeak
by Ann Muller

My friend who has AIDS grew up in the city. I grew up in a country town. We both now live where there are trees and grass underfoot, where store clerks often smile and say thanks.

My friend is an artist. I am a writer. He is young and I am old, but our birthdays fall just two days apart.

We met in our birthday month, and one week in the following November we both dreamed of the other. My dream sprang from the recesses of old memories to acknowledge my friend's youth and physical attraction. The incongruity of my dream made us both smile.

We traded our dream stories the same fall day we washed windows. We'd moved together that day around the house with the sun, one of us inside, one outside, and our work included what had already then become a familiar element of play. Once or twice, for instance, I'd pointed out smudges to him that I knew were on my side of the window; he'd discover my trick and pantomime a promise of retribution through the glass. One time he snuck past me out the front door only to appear unexpectedly in front of the window where I stood. Another time, I tried to hand him a dry leaf hidden in my fist, but he'd seen me pick it up and refused the offer.

I tired first. And we stopped, at my suggetion, for a cold drink. It was then, as we sat at a small table in the afternoon sun, that my friend described his dreams.

"I had a dream of you and me," he told me, "and some little kids. You got disappointed over the little kids. You didn't like being with them cause they were brats. I said I liked them and wanted to spend more time with them.

"'Fine,' you said, 'go ahead. Do what you want to do,' and you left mad.

"I ended up with the little kids walking down a street. It was night, and it was in the city. I was over by my mother's place; I was walking down the street with these two little kids, walking home to my mother's.

"And these gangs came walking up the street. My mother and her boyfriend and a bunch of other people started walking out of the building. I was going through the back, and I noticed the gangs were running towards where my mother and them were coming out of the building. They thought my mother and her friends were gangs.

"I went upstairs and looked down to see what was going on. There was a fight. You now, my mother's friends were fighting with these gangs, trying to tell them they're not gangs, they're just going out to have a party.

"Then," my friend concluded, "a fire shot up where I was, and I totally woke up."

"I didn't have a very big part in that dream," I teased him. "What do you think it meant that I left you with those little kids?"

"I don't know," he answered.

"But," he continued, "you had a bigger part in the other dream. In the other dream we were doing windows."

"Before we really did windows, you dreamed that we were doing windows?" I asked in surprise.

"I had a dream," he con-

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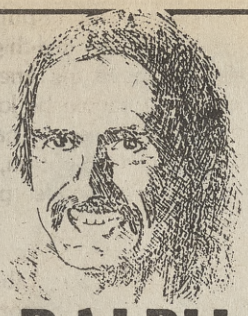

RALPH
and there is more...

Editor's note: Ralph H. Walker is creator of The Loving Brotherhood (TLB) and The ALL NEW YOU Experience.. Instead of Dr. Walker's usual column, this month we present remarks by another member of TLB, Mr. Kim C. Childress. Mr. Childress is a graduate The ALL NEW YOU Experience. He lives in Manhattan.)

The month of August was dark and dismal. It was the culmination of unfullfilled dreams, frustration with life, and anger at God, the world, and myself for allowing life to seem so difficult and painful.

My co-worker was having a similar experience. We used to have conversations discussing our miseries, coming up with solutions, and watching the dreams fade into yesterday; another dream deferred.

She went away one weekend to do the Experience. She returned on Monday with an outward glow that I always felt was in her. She was smiling profusely; her excitement was intoxicting. And, I was jealous—how could our "misery loves company" relationship continue if she was going to be like this?

While she had been away, I had decided it was time to do something about my state of existence. I seriously considered therapy, an idea I though ludicrous since I had majored in psychology and personally knew some of the derranged souls out there derranging others. But, I was desparate. When my friend returned, I told her my plan; her comment was "do the Experience." How could I argue with such a brightness shining in my face. I consented with an inner struggle.

I was so open and ready for something to happen that "I got it" on the first process. I could have gone home then, but as Ralph would say "...and there is more." And I wanted it all. I got it and more.

The stories I have heard and have told about the You Experience have been sensational and dramatic. However, they do not really explain the Experience—it is not something one can easily explain objectively (and it is not always so sensational). I have been asked to explain the Experience to those who have experienced me "before and after" hoping to discover the "secret." There is no secret, no magic formula, no great transformation; it all lies within waiting to emerge.

To put it in a sentence: Look in a mirror. That is what the You Experience is—YOU. The processes, performed in a safe, loving environment, allowed me the freedom to drop my guard from the world and more importantly from myself. I was provided the opportunity to discover who I am. We deny ourselves this wonderful enlightenment because we are afraid of the exposure. We fear rejection, disapproval, judgment, and criticism. The safe, loving environment removes that excuse. All I needed to do was put aside my own rejection, disapproval, judgment, and criticism of myself. Then, watch the miracles occur. It's the natural process of life. For an added bonus, I got to experience the New me with others. It helped to verify and affirm the wonderful creature I really am when others experienced it and gave me that feedback (the best high I ever had).

Once this was accomplished and I enjoyed the bliss of graduation, I was faced

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THREADLINES

by G. W. Lee

I can hardly believe it, but with this month's column I will have been bringing you the latest in fashion trends for a year now. It's also hard to believe that summer is now in full swing and fun and sun are the key elements of this season's fashion look. So now let's see what summer has in store for you!

Swimwear for the season is a mixed bag. The most common element for all will be bright colors and splashy wild prints. Jam style trunks are increasing in popularity. Lengths from mid-thigh to slightly above the knee are what you should be looking for. Some I have seen have fly fronts and a top button, while others are simple pull-on types.

Prints from exotic palm-tree scenes and abstract prints to computer geometric and normal plaids are to be seen at the beaches.

As for colors, almost anything goes. Very intense colors of cobalt blue, lemon yellow, and cherry red with black tossed in as an accent color make a smashing combination. But you will also find purple, fusha, and pink as well. Men are getting pretty daring to wear colors like these!

True jam swimsuits will have a nylon tricot supporter/liner on the inside to help keep you altogether in front. If you should find one that is not lined, most likely it is just a walking short style jam and was not really intended as a swimsuit. But if you must wear it as a swimsuit, the use of a flesh tone bikini underneath will greatly help the outside appearance.

Fabrics range from 100% cotton sheeting to blends of cotton and polyester. I have also seen skin tight jam suits of nylon/lycra that are a takeoff on the bicycle-short look.

Speaking of bikinis, don't dispair; they're just as popular as ever! The look for this season is wider on the sides and higher on the hips. Any color goes as long as it's bright.

Well, time flies when you're having fun; so it's time to hit the beach! If you should have any questions, comments, or ideas for THREADLINES, or would like my latest flyer of men's lounge/undergear, please write to: Designs by LEE, PO Box 4503-PG, East Lansing, MI 48826-9103. Until next month: Happy sunning and shopping!

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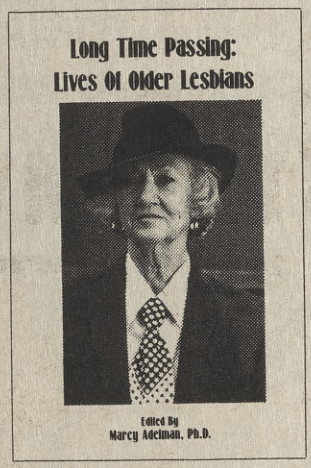
BETTER BOOKS

by Ellen Roth

Long Time Passing: Lives of Older LESBIANS, edited by Marcy Adelman, Ph.D. Alyson Publications, Inc., 1986.

Long Time Passing fully merits the praise it has received from women like Kate Millett and May Sarton. Widely reviewed and carefully appraised, this book takes its place among other basic documents concerned with the nobility of the human spirit.

Adelman has been involved in gay gerontology since the mid-1970s when she co-directed a National Institute of Mental Health grant on the subject. The grant funded a study comparing heterosexual men and women to gay men and lesbians over 60 years old in terms of their adjustment to aging. The research was the basis for Adelman's dissertation.



Loneliness, physical health, and financial problems face all the aging, but Adelman points out that the harshest effects of aging are felt by women and minorities because they are generally the poorest.

Society's negative attitude towards lesbians adds an additional burden to the aging lesbian. Adelman refers to the "closets of preliberation" as having provided safety, but also as "having made gay women invisible to each other. This isolation from each other was the terrible price we paid for our safety." These elders found the struggle for self-acceptance a painful and solitary process.

Adelman is convinced that homophobic society still can be traumatic, but today the gay and lesbian community absorbs some of the toxicity. We hope this is true, but the stories in this book are scarey to read. Women, straight or gay, weep when they read them. (I hope some men are weeping also.) Many of these older women turned to younger lesbians for comradeship, warmth, and strength. The vitality and sexual energy of these aging women are amazing.

In telling their stories, lesbians of disparate race and backgrounds reveal amazing life stories about being raped, exploited, and beaten. Especially moving are the accounts of lesbian Waacs in WWII. A bitter and wry humor pervades many of the accounts, such as the struggles of one black Waac to arrange her hair in an afro—without having it show underneath the reguation army cap. We forget how recently blacks have been able to feel pride in their blackness; and even more, how recently whites have become aware of these nuances in our social fabric.

Running through these stories are common threads: concern for their children to live as normally as possible, worries about the death of a lover, so many watching a lifetime partner die of cancer. One woman wrote, "How many jokes about complaining old women are there?" They're designed to shut the mouths of old women. Women who talk you to death. The political sense of speaking our pain and bitterness makes sense if somebody is listening."

This book in moving, eloquent ways compels us to listen. Buy it. Read it. Pass it on. It's about aging, about lesbians, about women.

AIDS In The Workplace:

Business Takes Proactive Role

by Stephen Dolainski and Stephen Husa

The time may be near when business and industry recognize the growing need for them to collectively tackle the problems AIDS has created in the workplace. The potential loss in human resources is enormous, and the costs business must absorb are mounting.

The reality of those problems has been recognized in the Los Angeles area, where dozens of companies participate in two new programs conducted by the AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA).

In November, APLA hired Phil Sheley to outreach to the local business community as the nation's first full-time training specialist on AIDS in the workplace. And in February, APLA and 16 LA-based companies formed the Business Advisory Council in conjunction with Sheley's appointment. The Council, which Sheley manages, will assess and implement AIDS education in the workplace.

Since his appointment as training specialist, Sheley has maintained a hectic schedule of speaking engagements and training seminars designed to educate managers and employees about AIDS and how to deal with it in the workplace. He also is working with the American Red Cross to set up an in-house AIDS training program for that agency.

Sheley's training seminars are aimed at two different workplace groups: managers and employees. Both groups receive basic AIDS education about transmission of the virus, spectrum of infection, evolution of the disease, and information about antibody testing. The managers' seminar, which is conducted in two parts, also deals with policy issues, such as mandatory testing, legal and insurance questions, and employee morale.

The response to the workplace training seminars has been overwhelming, according to Sheley. "I have not rally had to outreach. Once the word was out that the Project was offering these seminars, I had calls from companies all over the city."

Many of the larger companies requesting the seminars already offer wellness or employee assistance programs to their employees and have decided to expand AIDS education within the company or incorporate it into the overall program. In those cases, Sheley usually conducts seminars for human resources managers or employees assistance personnel, who will work to educate employees.

Requests for employee seminars have come mainly from small to mid-size companies and only after an AIDS-related situation has arisen in the workplace, such as when a co-worker becomes ill. In one instance, Sheley received a call from a gay worker who was ill with AIDS and was about to return to his job with an East LA manufacturing firm. The man was concerned about potential homophobia among his largely Latin co-workers. Sheley contacted the firm's owner, who was sympathetic and cooperative, and arranged to hold an employee seminar before the gay man returned to work. But in this experience and in others, Sheley has observed that homophobic attitudes have been the exception.

The roster of LA area companies for which Sheley has conducted or will conduct training seminars is varied and impressive. Included are Far West Savings, Union Bank, Dupont, Dow Chemi-

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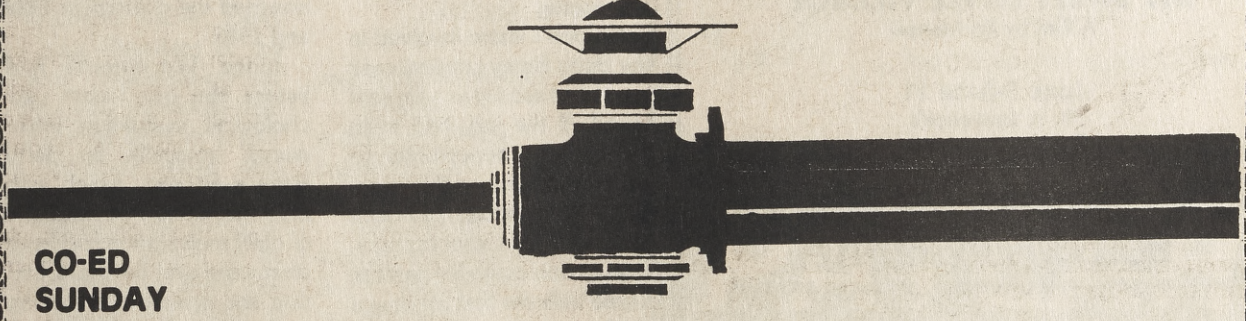

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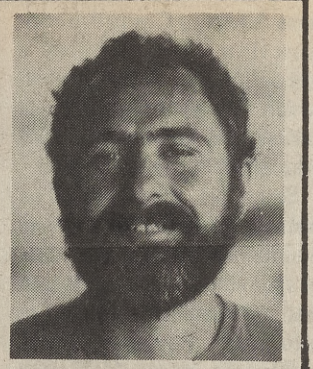

THAT'S FAIRLY INTERESTING!

By Frank Batey

A tragedy for our community has occurred in San Diego, California.

In a highly publicized child-stealing case involving the District Attorney's Office and my own ex-wife, Betty Lou Batey, Superior Court Judge Douglas Woodworth dismissed the jury and acquitted Betty Batey of two felony counts of childstealing which even the U.S. Supreme Court recently had refused to drop.

Woodworth's action leaves a clear message to non-custodial parents who may contemplate snatching children from their ex-spouses: *You will not be punished.*

Especially if you scream "gay" or "lesbian" to justify the kidnapping.

No one I know involved in the Betty Batey criminal case wanted to see my ex-wife sent to jail. If the jury had been allowed the opportunity to reach a verdict in this case, and if their verdict had been one of guilty, at least the message to non-custodial parents would indicate that stealing a child is wrong.

I certainly didn't want to see Betty in the slammer again, either. But an acknowledgement from a judge or jury that recently enacted child-stealing laws in California are enforceable was critical. I don't want to see other law-abiding parents and their children go through the injury and hurt my lover, son, and I have gone through. Our experience is not unique. Religious right groups (like Concerned Women For America which created the national publicity for the Betty Batey custody and criminal sagas) are successfully perpetuating myths and stereotypes of homosexuals which should be left in the past.

Homosexuality...again... was on trial.

There were red flags up everywhere during the five-day trial. Judge Woodworth refused to dismiss a juror who said that if it came down to a conflict between her religious (fundamentalist) beliefs and the law, she'd go with her religious beliefs in voting. When I was on the stand as the prosecution's only witness and the CWA attorney asked me questions and made allegations that I am a child abuser, I tried to present the documentable stats that more than 90% of adult sexual abusers are heterosexual. Judge Woodworth ordered me to keep my answers down to "yes" or "no." When my ex-wife was on the stand, however, she rambled on and on with disproven accusations unsuccessfuly used with five court-appointed psychologists and before two other San Diego Judges who awarded me custody in 1982 and 1986.

Judge Woodworth had before him one recent psychological evaluation introduced, ironically, by Betty Batey's attorney which verified that Betty's accusations of child molestation had been often used over the years; and that she denied ever making such accusations. Betty was a sexually abused child in her own home.

During the trial, our son Brian celebrated his 16th birthday. His mom's action-...like the action of bitter ex-spouses daily all over the country...was classical self-

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William Tell Reviews:

"Bait"

"Bait," a film starring Brad Peters, brings to its audience the usual bevy of young men carrying on like Faust on camera.

Terry's blind date with Roger is somewhat delayed when Roger finds ecstasy with Terry's roommate. After several hours of sex, the guys dress and head for Terry's pad because they're suddenly concerned by his absence. They search for Terry by following addresses in his trick book.

What "Bait" doesn't offer in dialogue it makes up for in action. This film is definitely worth you viewing time.

(These films are available for rent on cassettes at ***Films for Days*** in Sacramento.)

HRCF INCREASES LOBBYING AND STAFF

Responding to a political and legislative climate it describes as "overflowing with challenge and opportunity," the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) in Washington, D.C. recently hired two full-time lobbyists and a new deputy executive director.

Lois Galgay Reckitt, Executive Vice President of the National Organization for Women, was chosen as deputy executive director to provide administrative and planning support. Reckitt was a co-founder of the HRCF in 1980 and has served on its board of directors since that time. She left the board in order to accept the new position.

Steve Smith and Carlton Lee, both of Washington, accepted positions as legislative counsel and congressional liaison, respectively. Their appointments increase HRCF's Capitol Hill lobbying presence. Their efforts are designed to achieve a stronger federal response to the AIDS epidemic and gay civil-rights issues.

"The arrival of these three new staff members is evidence that the Campaign Fund has reached a new plateau," said Executive Director Vic Basile. "Whatever lull existed between election years is gone for good. Given the state of AIDS and related issues, our efforts must now be as strong during the legislative cycle as they have been during the election cycle."

Smith and Lee's first order of business will be to spearhead efforts to create a "New Manhattan Project on AIDS" which will, according to Basile, "instill a new sense of urgency and a can-do attitude" in the fight against AIDS, similar to how the original Manhattan Project in the 1940s approached the creation of the atomic bomb.

These expanded lobbying activities, coupled with the Campaign Fund's goal of quadrupling in 1988 the more than $250,000 it contributed in 1986 to candidates for the House and Senate, created the need for a new deputy executive director.

Poetry

by Ivor C. Treby
(London, UK)

LEMESOS

youths with dark eyes,
dark hair
in twos and threes
are everywhere
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and Heroes Square
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of their dark beauty
or the despair
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GROWING NOTES

by Robert Hamm

As we look forward to a long hot summer (that most likely will be a long hot DRY summer in many areas of the country), I think some notes on how to keep your yard alive without wasting water are appropriate.

First, let's look at sprinklers. Many people buy cheap oscilating or spray-type sprinklers which throw water upward in a spray. These kinds of sprinklers are terrible water wasters.

Research done in hot dry summer climates shows that on a hot day, up to half of the water that comes out of these sprinklers evaportes before it hits the ground. Therefore, half of the water used is wasted and twice as much time is needed to thoroughly moisten the lawn.

A nozzle or sprinkler that shoots water out closer to the ground uses less water to accomplish to same level of moisture penetration in the soil. Less water is lost through evaporation and so less is used.

When buying sprinklers, do not base your decision on which one to buy on cost alone. Spending a little more on your sprinkler will save you time and water, which for those of us on metered water means a substantial saving of money.

The second factor in watering is how to water and when. Early morning is the best time to water, followed by evening. Midday is the worst time. Not only will you lose a lot of water to evaporation at midday, but the sun can burn wet foilage on a sunny day. Evening watering is often done as a necessity, but it can cause fungal problems on sensitive plants.

How to water is also an important topic. A little water each day IS NOT a good system; instead, a good soaking followed by enough time for the surface to dry (two or three days, usually) is best. This forces the plant's root system to search deeper for water, encouraging better root system development. You'll use less water this way in the long run, and your plants will survive bettere in dry times thanks to their better root system. That's especially important to consider if your area is put on water rationing. NOTE: This does not work on high water use plants such as azaleas and rhododendrons. These should be well mulched to conserve water and kept moist, but not wet.

Speaking of mulches, a good mulch around your plants will do several jobs. Primarily, it shades the soil and keeps it cool, which holds in moisture. Additionally, a heavy mulch helps prevent weeds from developing by shading them from sunlight. Most weed seeds need sunlight to germinate.

Finally, a natural mulch (versus a plastic mulch) adds organic matter to the soil as it decays, enriching your soil.

Mulches can be of many different materials, although bark or stone are most common. Peat moss, cotton seed hulls, peanut shells, shredded paper, shredded leaves, and a host of other materials are used as mulching material.

With wood or bark mulches, a minor problem is that they tend to absorb nitrogen in the first year or two, so extra nitrogen fertilizer should be used with them. Keep in mind that this nitrogen absorption problem also shows up in many potting mixes in which bark is used. That's why bark based soil and potting mixes require a bit more fertilizer than other mixes.

Hot summer weather also causes a problem that we, at the nursery, see quite a bit of. (It's a shame, too, because it's the result of carelessness.) Most pest and disease controls should not be sprayed on hot sunny days when it is over 85 to 90 degrees. The heat, sun, and spray interact to burn foliage. When spraying in hot weather, either early morning or late evening spraying is to be advised for the safety of your plants.

Chrysanthemums, commonly called "mums," are a favorite fall blooming yard plant that often gets too tall by the time it blooms. To decrease height so the plants are more compact, a good trimming back in June will help control size without delaying blooming. Cutting back mums any later in the year will delay or stop blooming.

Believe it or not, in milder climates it's time to think about fall and winter plantings. For those who plan to grow their own plants to set out, pansy, ornamental cabbage and kale, snapdragon, and calendulas are all winter color, fall setout plants that need to be started from seed in June or July.

Indoor and greenhouse growers should start thinking about plants they might want to order to grow this winter. Ordering early allows the grower time to propagate any plants in short supply and helps make sure you'll get what you want.

Indoor gardners (especially those who grow under lights) may want to join the Indoor Gardening Society of America. Dues are $10 a year and can be mailed to: Robert Morrison, Membership Secretary, 5305 SW Hamilton St., Portland, OR 97221. A year's subscription to their very informative publication, ***The Indoor Garden***, is included in the membership.

FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

I am forever giving dinner parties. I always greet my friends with a pert, chaste kiss; and I send them off with one, too. But I'm in a quandary as to how to greet my friends' current beaux. I always feel like I'm leaving them out. What do you feel is proper?

Yours truly,
Merle

Dear Merle,

After your friends have properly introduced their current flames to you, it is best that you offer them your hand first. Feel flattered if they offer a kiss in return, but let them make the first move. On the other hand when bidding adieu, feel free to kiss you newly-found acquaintances goodbye. An evening of good food, wine, and indirect lighting can do wonders to break down many social inhibitions.

Dear Kett,

Whenever the hostess at a restaurant seats my lover and me in a booth (as opposed to a table), my lover, Armand, insists on sitting on the same side of the booth that I am on. Not being as liberated as Armand, I find this very unsettling. I feel it looks tres gay. Do I have a right to be queasy about this?

Always,
Sam

Dear Sam,

There is nothing wrong with two gentlemen sitting on the same side of a booth in a restaurant. Perhaps the ambience is better on one side than it is on the other, or perhaps they have a private matter to discuss and don't want to be overheard. Just remember good table manners and don't play with your meat or your partner's. Heaven forbid you would nibble his asparagus.

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NEW YORK

Leonard Matlovich, a highly decorated Vietnam War veteran who attracted national attention when he was expelled from the Air Force for being gay, has announced that he has AIDS.

Matlovich made the announcement on ABC's Good Morning America, Matlovich said that he was shocked but not surprised to learn that he has AIDS.

Matlovich's explusion from the Air Force occurred in 1975. His ensuing 5-year court fight eneded when the Air Force agreed to pay him $160,000 to drop his attempt to be reinstated. His case made him a national celebrity. His picture appeared on the cover of Time magazine, and NBC television made a movie of his life. He later became active in behalf of homosexuals, lecturing on college campuses and TV and radio talk shows.

WALHALLA

The twelfth annual Michigan Women's Music Festival will be held August 12-16. Workshops will be held on native American women's spirituality, rituals, the dulcimer, quilting, PMS, musical performance, Dianic witchcraft, grief and recovery, women's writing, power and music transform the world, festival gospel choir, mime, Latin percussion, meditation and laughter, sonic meditation, improvisation, large women's dance, healing, anti-racism, and Tai Chi Chuan.

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Tickets are available on a sliding scale depending on the number of days attended. For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelop to WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458.

MODESTO

The Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA) will have a dance at Eagle's Hall (126 Camellia Way) on June 27, 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM. The theme will be: Doing It Generically! Advance tickets will be sold until June 20. After that date, tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call (209) 524-0458.

CINCINNATI

An organization called Men of All Colors Together recently formed in Cincinnati. The group will combat homophobia, racism, sexism, and other inequalities.

Chosen as co-chairs were Ric Boltz and Leslie Miliner-Herd. Secretary is Mark Hall, and Tom Schanie is Treasurer. E. L. Green was elected editor of the organization's newsletter.

For additional information, call (513) 896-6053.

MADISON

The Madison Institute for Social Legislation recently announced a campaign to pass an Alternative Families Ordinance in Madison, Wisconsin. The action was taken because of draft ordinance language released by the City Attorney's Office, according to a MISL spokesperson.

The group feels that the draft language satisfies the guidelines established by MISL in considering alternative families coverage. Extension of employee-sponsored health care benefits to family partners, equal housing opportunities, and family discount memberships are among the benefits that would be extended to couples in a relationship of mutual support, caring, and commitment who are registered with the City Clerk.

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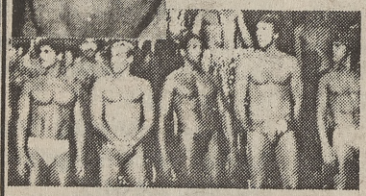

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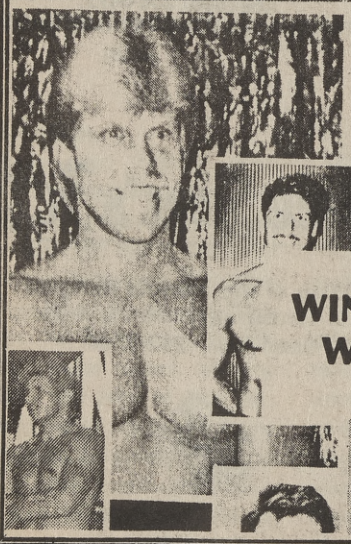

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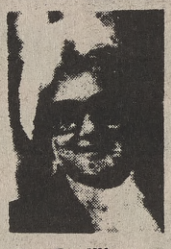

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There will be a catered picnic-style dinner with bar-b-qued chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. Entertainment will be provided by groups from throughout the state and will conclude with a "Hoosier Hoedown" square dance. Other organizations will host fundraisers such as cake walks, raffle prizes, huggin' booths, and an auction.

For information, call the Justice office at (317) 634-9212.

HARTFORD

The Twelfth National Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held June 25-27 in Hartford. There will be workshops on various subjects including personal growth, networking, friendship, consciousness-rais-ing, the military, violence, racism, homophobia, and pornography.

This conference is open to all men, women, and children who want to learn about the men's movement. For information, write 12th National Conference, PO Box 14035, Hartford, CT 06114.

SAN DIEGO

A Superior Court Judge has thrown out child-stealing charges against the former wife of Patlar writer Frank Batey. Judge Douglas Woodworth granted a motion of acquittal for Betty Lou Batey. He told the jurors that he would let them decide the case had he not been convinced that there was insufficient evidence to support the charge; he went on to say that he thought Mrs. Batey did not intend to keep her son away from his homosexual father. "The evidence shows in my mind that Mrs. Batey was consumed by a fear for her son's safety and welfare. It appears to me that it was impossible for her to have any other thought." Mrs. Batey's religious convictions regard homosexuality as a sin.

In 1982, Mrs. Batey took her son, Brian, from Frank Batey, who had legal custody. She and the boy, then 11, went underground and lived on the run for 19 months before surrendering to authorities in Denver in April 1984. Batey, who lives with his homosexual lover in Palm Springs, again has legal custody of Brian, now 16.

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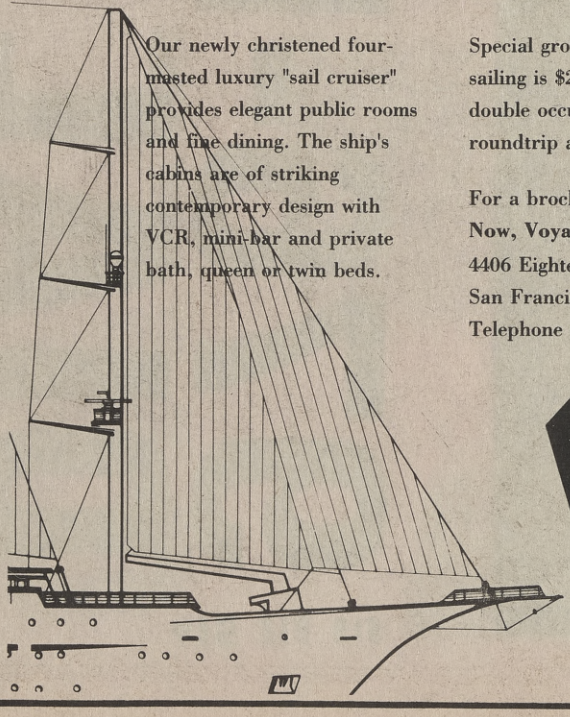

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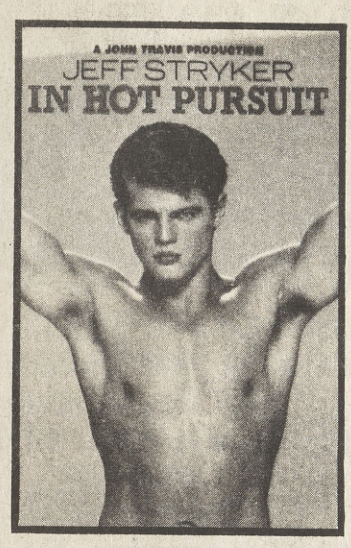

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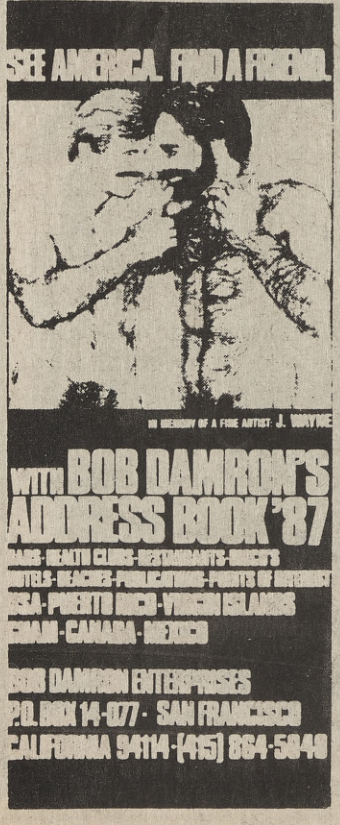

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BELLE GLADE

Four voodoo priests in Belle Glade, a small community in Florida which has an alarmingly high rate of AIDS, have agreed to inform their followers about safe sex and other ways to avoiding the disease.

Belle Glade, populated largely by poor farm workers, many of Haitian or Cuban origin, suffers an 8% AIDS infection rate, which is 8 times the national average.

Many Haitians in Belle Glade still practice the voodoo religion brought with them from their homeland. Also, many Cubans practice the similar Santeria religion.

"In their eyes, AIDS could be an evil spell, something easily brought by someone's evil wishes," said David Cueny, an educator with the Comprehensive AIDS Program which is financed by a New Jersey foundation and has offices in Belle Glade. Cueny met recently in private with four voodoo doctors, talking them into instructing their people about AIDS. Cueny is asking the same cooperation from Santeria priests.

LANSING

A proposed new Ingham County Equal Opportunity/-Affirmative Plan includes "sexual orientation" in its statement of "equal opportunity." This inclusion results from action by Lansing Association For Human Rights.

The proposed plan was recommended for adoption by unanimous vote of the Equal Opportunity Committee to the Ingham County Personnel Committee and the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. The main focus of the plan is affirmative hiring practices with respect to minorities and women. However, the inclusion of sexual orientation in the plan's equal opportunity statement constitutes a significant public policy statement. The basis for the inclusion is the County Board of Commissioner's Resolution 78-170 adopted June 13, 1978, which states that it is the policy of Ingham County to provide equal opportunity in employment and to provide services without discrimination because of sexual orientation.

TOLEDO

A grant from the John Domrose Foundation for Personal Rights will be used to start a Gay/Lesbian Community Library in Toledo. Funds will be administered by MCC/Good Shepherd Parish and will be used to purchase storage and display units and videotapes. For information, write MCC/Good Shepherd Parish, PO Box 1057, Toledo, OH 43697.

ALBUQUERQUE

Pride Week '87 is from June 13-21. Events include the movie ***Before Stonewall*** on June 12, the parade and rally at the Spanish Village on the State Fairgrounds in the afternoon, and a dance for women produced by WIMIN; the Annual Pride Week Patio Concert on June 14; New Mexico Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance Annual Civil Rights Forum on June 17; a poetry reading on June 19; and Common Bond's annual Pride Week Variety Show "Caught In The Act" on June 21. For more information, call (505) 344-4393.

OAKLAND

The AIDS Project of the East Bay recently hired Larry Saxxon to develop a housing program to meet the growing needs of people with AIDS and ARC in Alameda County, California. He was previously Supervisor of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation Emergency Housing Program. In his new position, Saxxon will oversee a three-month project to research the needs of East Bay residents with AIDS and the potential for creating and funding a housing program.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Friends and political associates of Rep. Stewart B. McKinney have announced that the Connecticut Republican, who died in May of an AIDS-related infection, had had homosexual relationships. Earlier, his physician had maintained that McKinney had contracted AIDS from blood transfusions he received during heart bypass surgery in 1979.

Some of McKinney's associates said they feared that attributing his illness to blood transfusions without saying he might also have been exposed to the AIDS virus through homosexual sex could mislead and frighten people who have had or may be in need of transfusions.

The director of the gay and lesbian task force in Washington, Jeffrey Levi said: "I don't think it's anyone's business whether Mr. McKinney was or was not a homosexual. There seems to be a subtle homophobia underlying all the curiosity, a suggestion that [McKininey] would be somehow less innocent if he got the disease because he was a homosexual rather than a result of a transfusion. AIDS can be heterosexually transmitted, too. You can have multiple risk factors as well. Just because a person is a homosexual is no guarantee that he go AIDS has a result."

Levi applauded the posthumous disclosure that McKinney had been an AIDS victim, saying that "could change things to the extent that it makes this epidemic more real to [McKinney's] colleagues. When a well-known personality dies of AIDS, that tends to humanize the tragedy."

SEATTLE

Team Seattle, organizer of the Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival scheduled for July 3-5 in Seattle, expects more than 1000 athletes to participate in 13 sports. It will be the largest multi-sport gay athletic event since Gay Games II.

Competitions will be held in soccer, volleyball, running, softball, swimming & 1-meter diving, powerlifting & bench press, tennis, billiards, racquetball, bowling, English croquet, soft tip darts, and water polo.

"We're excited to showcase several new sports to the gay & lesbian athletic scene," said Team Seattle Co-Chair Rick Peterson. "Festivals like ours provide a perfect opportunity for emerging sports to get some exposure and develop a network. We've gotten inquiries from gay and lesbian athletes all over the country and Canada. People are looking for the opportunity to meet and compete and grow between now and Gay Games III in 1990 in Vancouver."

All sports at the Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival will accept entries for both women and men.

The Festival begins Friday, July 3; athletes will begin registering in Seattle Thursday night, July 2. For additional information, call (206) 322-2777.

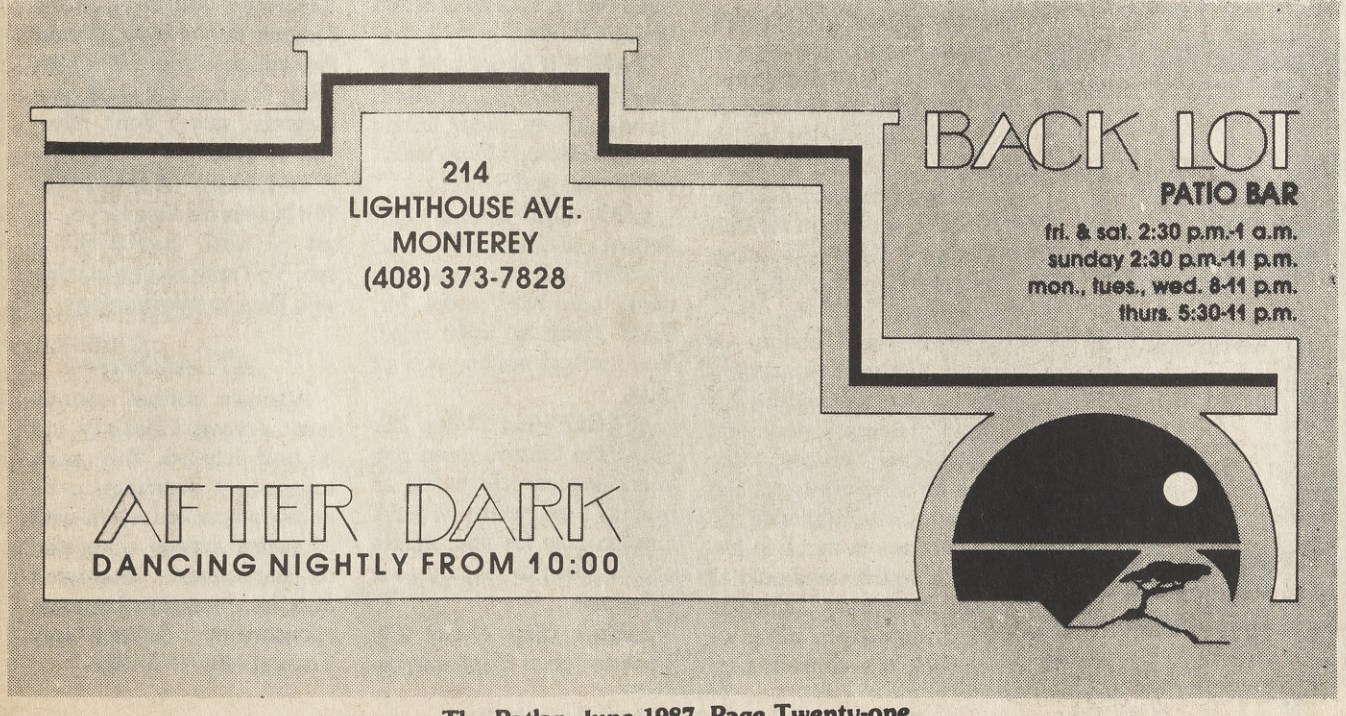
CHICAGO

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus (CGMC) is seeking a Music Director and invites interested candidates to submit their resumes. The position is for a six-month period beginning July 1, 1987 and continuing through December 31, 1987 with an option to renew on the part of CGMC. Salary is negotiable. Resumes should be mailed to Jerry Glover, 3000 N. Sheridan Road, Apt. 4A, Chicago, IL 60657.

LOS ANGELES

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California ACLU/SC has announced its satisfaction with a recent Fourth District Court of Appeals decision which ruled that the secrecy of AIDS test results is inviolable in California, even when the test subject is suspected of intentionally attempting to transmit AIDS. ACLU/SC volunteer attorney Thomas Homann, coauthor of the amicus brief with ACLU/SC San Diego Chapter Legal Director Greg Marshall for the ACLU/SC Foundation and the National Gay Rights Advocacy, said the ruling was "a healthy, forward-looking decision."

In its precedent-setting ruling, the court refused to force the release of the gay defendant's AIDS test results for use by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office in its battery prosecution. Brian Barlow of San Francisco was charged with biting two San Diego police officers who intervened in a confrontation between Gay Pride Parade marchers and fundamentalist counterdemonstrators last June.



The Homosexual In History

by Christopher McPherson

THE BEGINNING..."

You will forgive the use of a biblical reference to begin this monthly column about history and the homosexual, but it seemed the most appropriate. When ***Patlar*** asked me to write a column about history, I eagerly jumped at the assignment; history in general and "history and homosexuality" in particular have always been of great interest to me. I am a permanent subscriber to the old maxims, "The only thing new is the history we do not yet know," and "Those who are ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it."

Homosexuality is not immune from the pull of history. In fact, as we live and breathe we are at the forefront of future history. In slightly simpler terms, think about how you will look at this exact period in time twenty years from now. History is being created all around you.

Do you ask, "What history?" You shouldn't. Homosexuality has been around since the dawn of two men and two women, and some of the greatest thinkers in history have been homosexuals. Brave men and women have fought and, yes, sometimes died for their firm beliefs in the lives they lived. For that history to be ignored would be detrimental to us all.

What will this column focus on? Well, history for sure. But beyond that, who can tell? I feel almost like a kid in a candy store: so much from which to choose. Of course I will talk about Stonewall—no retrospective could be complete without that; but homosexuality had great milestones years, and civilizations, before that.

There is the admiration of homosexuality in ancient Thebes; Plato's "The Symposium"; Greek and Roman art; the "Gay Sailor" murals of Pompeii; Oscar Wilde and his lover Lord Alfred Douglas; King Henry VIII and his connection to sodomy in the 16th Century; The Founding Fathers and the death penalty for sodomy.

The list—and history—is endless. Someday—maybe—after I have exhausted ancient history, modern history, and contemporary history, I can focus on what has happened during my brief lifetime.

Yes, there is much in history for which we should all have a lot of pride. I hope you will join me every month as we look back at events and people who have influenced the homosexual in history. Perhaps we can learn that which is unknown, and perhaps we can learn of those mistakes made in the past in order to avoid making them again.

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HOROSCOPES

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've always had too much self-control. Relax and you may come out a winner in this summer's round of Beach Blanket Bingo.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): An astral re-shuffle on the 4th turns you over, under, upside down. You won't know which (or whose) end is up.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Saturn collides with Pluto on the 29th; and in a lucky accident, you may meet Mr. Right. Keep an open mind. You can get anyone you go after.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Pluto and Saturn, those two comic loners, join hands all month. This means all work and no play for you, unless you're going to play by your lonesome.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Analyze your relationships. You're better than you think you are. And better looking too! If you deserve better than you're getting, look elsewhere.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Cosmic vibes pulsate for you till month's end. Things come to a head on the first. Enjoy yourself.

SAGGITARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Business and pleasure bill and coo as Venus and Pluto walk hand in hand in your sign this month. You'll either hve a romantic interlude at work or get down to the bottom line in bed.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): Everyone's going to be wondering how you got to be so cute this month what with Leo rising on your cusp. Just remember to give them your phone number.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): A variety of cosmic partners waltz your sign around the Zodiac. You'll get a lot of surprising offers. Don't be a prude.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): A handsome stranger longs to check out your tan line. Don't let your significant other find out what you've been doing with your bulging bikini.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Booz and bods create quite a stir in your sign this month. That hunk you meet on the 3rd only drinks Slow Screws. And you celebrate on the 12th when you pop the work on a magnum, and I don't mean champagne.

TAURUS (Apr 20-Mar 20): Now is the time for you to get physical. Join a health spa. You may meet someone who likes to play hardball.

ATLANTA

Atlanta's softball tournament, Armory Classic IV, will be held July 2-5. This year's tournament promises to be an action-packed event with 26 teams already scheduled to participate. Interested coaches, managers, or team sponsors may contact Greg Troia at (404) 873-4332.

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The 11th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is scheduled for June 19-28, 1987.

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The festival is sponsored by Frameline, a non-profit gay media arts organization. This year's event will include over 100 film and video works from a dozen different countries. For more information, call (415) 861-5245.

ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

SACRAMENTO

Yes, it's true; I survived the first heat wave of summer by escaping to Vancouver. You know what it's like reaching one's fiftieth birthday going ninety miles an hour! It's a crackup, right? Well, that's what happened to me when I disembarked at Vancouver's airport. The temperature was sixty-one degrees. It was to say the least: A chilling experience, after Sacramento's intense heat...Already in Vancouver they've started working on Gay Games 1990 which will be held in that beautiful city...We, too, in Sacto have started working on Gay Games 1990. Saga-3 is in full swing. Get acquainted, get involved with them. I am sure there must be at least one sport you would fit into...Remember, the highlight of this month will be our Gay Pride Week, Sat June 20, McKinley Park from 11 AM to 5 PM. This year's theme: Strong, Proud, United. Let's all make a special effort to attend this event. Let's show that we are indeed proud, strong, & United...And remember, the following week San Fran will celebrate their Gay Pride on Sat. June 28. Yours truly, Ernie Brown, will again have a bus leaving The Merc that day at 9 AM; the bar will be open at 8 AM! The bus will be returning to The Merc at about 10 PM. Your round-trip fare will be $18 which will include your mixes cups and ice. Give me your reservations now to insure a seat. This is always a fun trip. Don't miss it...Beau's has a gay film series weekly; showings of non-X-rated gay-theme films continue every Thurs nite thru the summer. Free. And in case you haven't heard, Beau's now serves pizza seven days a week. Drop in nightly between 6 PM and 10 PM for this Italian delight. Tues, Ladies' nite; Wed, Men's nite; Thurs, free movies; Fri, dollar nite (dollar cover over 21 plus $1 drink specials); Sat, dancing & video; Sun, watch for new afternoon special...Coming to Cleo's, Sun, June 14, starting at 7:00 PM, Sisters of Impetuous Indulgence. They are having their Toilet Ball (you heard me right!). They will issue their first annual "plunger" award. Genderf--- drag is the dress for the evening. $3 at the door, this event will be sponsored by Dana Francis & Opal Gardner. All proceeds go to Sacto's Hand to Hand, AIDS Foundation...Faces is still bring top notch entertainment. Check their billboard for future attractions...If you haven't attended the Buffalo Sat afternoon Stampede, you are in for a treat. It's a hoot-...There are two new additions at The Western in the form of Tim & John. Stop by and say hi...The Wreck Room is still wall-to-wall people at the Pig Out on Sun afternoons. Be one of them!...See you next month.

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THE RUSSIAN RIVER

Vacation wonderland of the west? Well, not quite; but it is California's answer to Fire Island or P-Town. This storybook community nestled in the redwoods 69 miles north of San Francisco is the perfect weekend getaway from the bustling Bay Area. Not only is it a hangout for local Californians, but also an attraction for tourists who have planned extra time in their vacation trips to San Francisco.

Only minutes from the heart of California's famed Wine Country, the Russian River area is actually made up of four small towns just a few miles from one another. They are Guerneville (pronounced "gurn-vil"), Rio Nido, Forrestville, and Monte Rio. Most of the gay nightlife and accommodations are in Guerneville.

The Russian River was named for the czarist fur traders who settled in the area in 1812. As San Francisco flourished in the 1920s, many natives became restless in the city and discovered "The River" as a wonderful getaway for the entire family. It remained a second home for family vacationers until the early 70s when the general lack of upkeep prompted tourists to seek havens elsewhere. It was at this same time that Gay Urban Professionals (Guppies) came to the area and realized its potential. They proceeded to renovate and revitalize as only the gay population can. It was a classic case of veni, vedi, vici—for the betterment of local property owners and tourists alike.

A major setback occurred in the winter of 1986 when flood waters rose to record high levels, causing several million dollars worth of damage. Not to be defeated, the gay and straight populations banded together for what must have been one of the best communal efforts ever. They managed to put The River back on its feet just in time for the summer tourist season.

Depending on your preference for accommodations, there are a variety of resorts from which to choose. My favorite is The Woods, which offers individual cabins as well as a motel section with rooms; other amenities include two pool recreation areas, a supper club, and disco. The Mountain Lodge was originally constructed as time-share units, but it is now available on a daily or weekly basis. The Highlands offers a quiet and serene setting with individual one- and two-bedroom cabins. The Willows is an extremely nice guest house with a wonderful vantage place on the banks of the actual Russian River. TJ's Beach Resort is a favorite with women and also offers an alcohol and drug-free environment. Their accommodations are fair. Then there is always Fife's which is the oldest gay resort in the area, and the staff makes sure to let you know it.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '88—America's foremost travel guide—available at most better bars and bookstores throughout America. Or send $14 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, PO Box 11-270, San Francisco, CA 94101-7270. Also available is the SPARTACUS '87, International gay guide at $25; BEST GUIDE AMSTERDAM at $11.95; and EUROGAY for $16.95.)

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More Workplace
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cal, TRW, Hughes Aircraft, McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, Disney Studios and Disneyland, Southern California Gas, the Rapid Transit District, the Department of General Services for the State of California, and UCLA.

Like Sheley's role as full-time training specialist, the Business Advisory Council is the first of its kind in the nation. (The San Francisco AIDS Foundation formed a one-time task force a few years ago; the LA Council is on-going.) And while there are a number of companies around the country that have already formulated individual approaches, the Council is the first formally organized and cooperative effort by business to address AIDS in the workplace. The 16 member companies represent a cross section of the LA business community and include financial, banking, high-tech, entertainment, and publishing firms.

As a joint venture between APLA and the member companies, the Council meets monthly to plan its outreach of AIDS education and workshops to the local business community. The Council also consults with the community on legal and insurance issues, discrimination, and company policies pertaining to AIDS.

Assessing the needs of individual companies as well as the business community at large and implementing workplace education are the immediate objectives of the Council. The member companies and APLA also have declared their intention to serve as a model to other businesses and to establish their role "as leaders in a proactive, responsible approach to solving AIDS-related business problems." That message has already been received elsewhere around the nation. Inquiries have come in from Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Phoenix, and other cities exploring the possibility of forming their own councils to fight AIDS in the workplace.

More Batey
From Page 10

ishness; not unlike what one expects from any frightened, threatened child or animal. Betty Batey's unconscionable behavior was rewarded by what happened in San Diego when it should have been reprimanded with some type of constructive action or indication that childstealing (as California legislators have voted) is indeed a crime, punishable and enforceable as prescribed by law.

As it happens often, the religious organizations that have supported my ex-wife (Concerned Women For America, Family Life Seminars, churches and Christian Voice) depend on the willful ignorance of the public and their supporters. Stereotyping of homosexuals is vital to obtaining the support such organizations require to continue to exist and flourish, whether the topic is AIDS, fair employment practices, or the rights of gay parents and their children.

Although personnel in the San Diego District Attorney's Office were very helpful and cooperative with the FBI and some law enforcement agencies in attempts to locate my son during the 19 months of his kidnapping and his mother's flight across the country, my own impression was that the deputy assigned to the case (only two weeks prior to trial) was bumbling and disinterested. DDA Bob Boles told reporters that his fundamentalist sister and brother told him their churches were praying that Betty would not be found guilty. And, in closing argument, he identified me as an "admitted homosexual."

More Wave
From Page 3

don't reach for a gun. Reach for your brothers hand, his heart.

We in the gay world understand only too well what it is like being somehow cut from the rest. Anyone who has ever been a part of a minority knows that kind of subjugation. And who among us is not in a minority somehow? We know what prejudice and hatred can do to a living soul. Maybe we are being called to service. Maybe we can lead the way to what will be the biggest change in the history of mankind—the revolution of spirit, the birthing of this New Age.

More Muller
From Page 4

firmed, "that we were doing windows, and we were just kidding around and then we decided to sit and talk for awhile because you were tired."

"You're making this up," I challenged.

"No," he insisted, "it's the same but it's different too. In my dream something broke, a window broke, and we went towards the window. This guy was throwing bricks in your window. You said to stop, but he wouldn't stop.

"One brick hit you. Then it seemed like you were OK and called the police. Then a big, gigantic brick, one of those big bricks, went through your French door and ran over me. It was a big, big thing that just rolled right on in through the door and ran right over on me. After it ran over me, I woke up, and I couldn't go back to sleep."

Since then my friend and I have not been in one another's dreams.

DULUTH

The University Gay and Lesbian Association was organized a few months ago at the Duluth campus of the University of Minnesota. The purpose of the group, which is seeking new members, is to provide recreational and social activities in a supportive setting.

The group is a recognized student organization and meets weekly at 4 PM on Wednesday in Room 202, Cina Hall. More information is available from the Kirby Student Activities Board at (218) 726-7169.

More Ralph
From Page 6

with the return trip home. This was a critical moment. I had spent a weekend awakening the sleeping giant, my true essence. How in the world was I to keep this feeling going once I returned to "reality?" (Actually, I was leaving reality and returning to insanity.) I held tight to the Experience and used the processes in everyday living. It was not always easy; we creatures of habit have a way of holding dearly to the things that don't work for us. Yet, I made a choice an stuck with it.

(For information about The Loving Brotherhood and The ALL NEW YOU Experience, write PO Box 556, Sussex, NJ 07461 or call (201) 875-4710.)

MINNEAPOLIS

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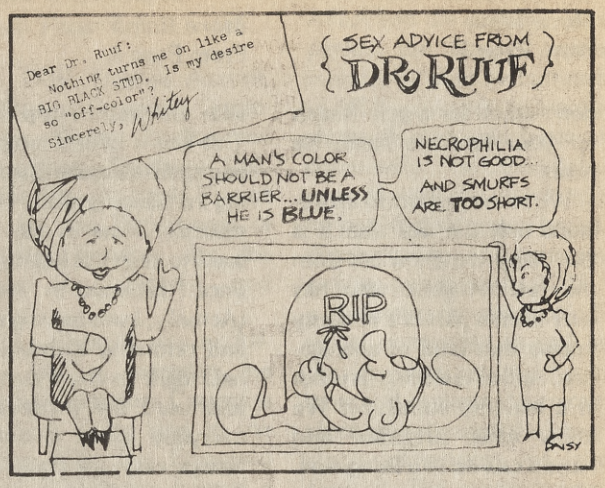
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Sincerely, Whitey
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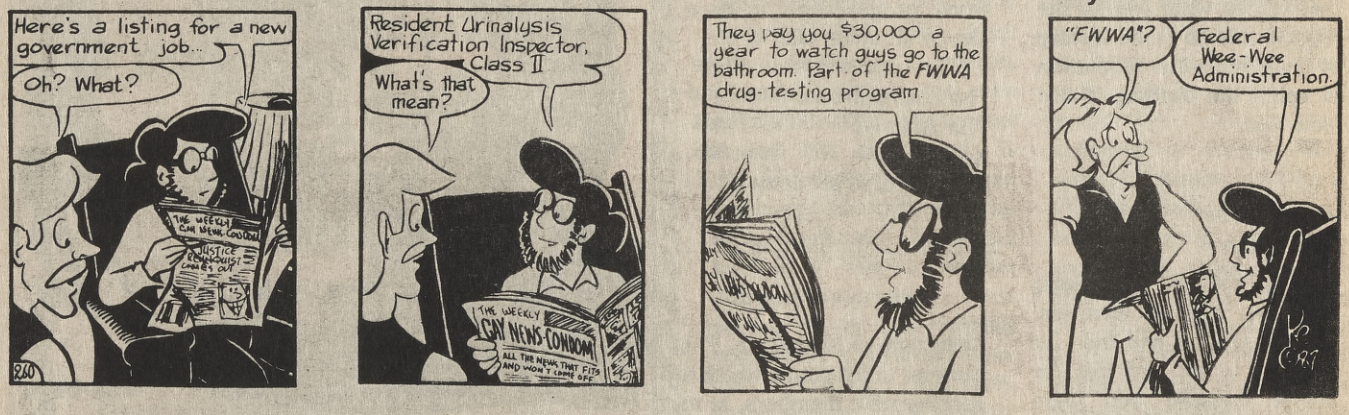
MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen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JACQUES AND STRAP

GIMMIE JUST ONE MORE...HOW GAY IS IT?...
THIS TOWN IS SO GAY...THEY THINK THE PILL
IS THE OLD MAN NEXT DOOR WHO COMPLAINTS YOU PLAY YOUR STEREO TOO LOUD.

LIFE AT THE CLOSET DOOR

THE $8.1 MILLION RANSOM PAID TO A 900 FOOT TALL JESUS FOR THE RELEASE OF EVANGELIST ORAL ROBERTS HAD SOME PREDICTABLE SIDE-EFFECTS...
TALK SHOW INTERVIEWS...
TELL US, BIG GUY... WHY'D YA DO IT?
IMITATION BY COMPETITORS
DESTROY IRAQ OR ALLAH WILL CALL ME HOME!
AND MOVIE SPINOFFS
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Dykes to Watch Out For

the GOY
©1987 BY ALISON BECHDEL
YEAH, NAOMI AND I HAVE BEEN MESSING AROUND A LITTLE, BUT IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS... OH, BY THE WAY, SHE'S HAVING A SEDER FOR PASSOVER ON MONDAY... SHE TOLD ME TO INVITE YOU.
ME? LOIS, I CAN'T GO TO NAOMI'S SEDER! I STILL HAVE A CRUSH ON HER.. AND BESIDES, I'M NOT JEWISH!
AW, C'MON, MO! CLARICE AND TONI WILL BE THERE! YOU WON'T BE THE ONLY GOY!
GOY? WHAT'S A GOY?
ANYONE WHO WOULD ASK THAT QUESTION IS A GOY, OK? SEE YOU MONDAY!
ON MONDAY, MO GETS A RIDE WITH CLARICE & TONI.
SO, LIKE, HAVE YOU GUYS EVER BEEN TO ONE OF THESE THINGS? WHAT IF I DO SOMETHING DUMB?
MO, RELAX. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A GOOD TIME!
SHALOM, NAOMI!
CLARICE! TONI! SHALOM! COME ON IN! PUT YOUR FOOD ON THE TABLE...
HI, MO! WHADJA BRING?
UH... HI, NAOMI... I... UH... I BROUGHT SOME, UH... RYE BREAD. WITH SEEDS.
OH, MO, THAT'S SWEET! BUT WE ONLY EAT UNLEAVENED BREAD DURING PASSOVER!
OH
DON'T WORRY! THERE'S PLENTY OF MATZAH! COME ON, EVERYBODY! LET'S SIT DOWN!
SHIT!
FOR ALL OF YOU WHO'VE NEVER BEEN TO A SEDER, LET ME EXPLAIN A LITTLE. PASSOVER IS A WONDERFUL TRADITION. TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE THE LIBERATION OF THE JEWS FROM SLAVERY IN EGYPT. THIS IS A RITUAL ABOUT OPPRESSION, AND RESISTANCE, AND FREEDOM, AND..
...SPRING TIME, AND LIFE!
SMAK
CLAP CLAP
AWRIGHT! LIGHT THE CANDLES!
AND THE CEREMONY BEGINS...
MO GETS TO READ THE FOUR QUESTIONS.
WHY ON THIS NIGHT DO WE EAT MATZAH INSTEAD OF BREAD?
A LESBIAN HAGGADAH
AND BY THE END OF THE EVENING, SHE'S ACTUALLY ENJOYING HERSELF!
PHARAOH'S ARMY GOT DROWN-DED! OH, MARY DON'TCHA WEEP!
THAT WAS GREAT! I HAD A REALLY GOOD TIME! AND I ONLY DID ONE DUMB THING!
NOT BAD, FOR A GOY!
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ABOLISH APARTHEID
CO-OP WE OWN IT
U.S. OUT OF NICARAGUA
627 DYK
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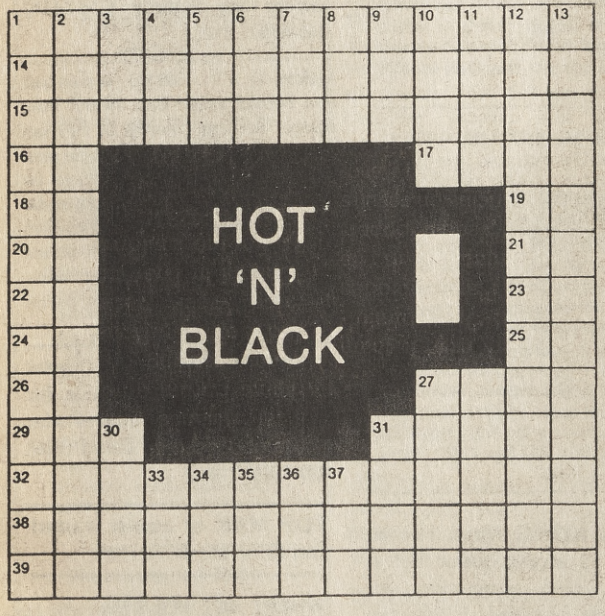

Answers in Classified Section

ACROSS

1. Eye-opening drink (2 wds.)
14. Result of relative sex (2 wds.)
15. Happy for a hand
16. Fonda guy (abbr.)
17. Worship object
18. You (It.)
19. Fake language
20. Men's clubs (abbr.)
21. Cobb guy
22. Compass point
23. Shocking college subject (inits.)
24. It (Ger.)
25. Music note
26. Commie occupied area (abbr.)
27. Clothing
29. Man (Lat.)
31. Tooth
32. Tube (3 wds.)
38. Coffee area (2 wds.)
39. Coffee time reason (2 wds.)

DOWN

1. Shaky (2 wds.)
2. Over his Bic (3 wds.)
3. TV with dog
4. Sparks guy
5. Devotee
6. Map direction (Init. & wd.)
7. Movie guide (Inits.)
8. Apparel machinery (Inits.)
9. Out (Scot.)
10. The way J. Edgar Hoover said "hello"
11. Ran from
12. Water creatures (3 wds.)
13. Coffee work interruption (2 wds.)
27. Republican gentleman (abbr.)
28. Excuse
30. Second salesman (abbr.)
31. Doc took too many pills...(Inits.)
33. Born
34. Make mistake
35. Communications Co. (Inits.)
36. Put on
37. Wide, big shoe (abbr.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK IN SAC
GAY PRIDE DAY

Returning this year by popular demand and less government red tape, the LAMBDA COMMUNITY FAIR will again happen at McKinley Park (E & Alhambra streets) on June 20th, 1987 in collaboration with the National Gay Pride Week. Unlike 1986, the Lambda Foundation *WAS* able to secure insurance to satisfy city forms and their own tails as well, this year. Some may recall the efforts of Faces to hold 'Rainbow Festival' in August of last year and may possibly again this year.

As for Booth Information and Registration, here are some spec.s:

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Registration forms available at the Lambda Community Center. Further info, including program ad rates, may be obtained by calling the L.C.C. at 442-0185. We hope EVERYONE can join this 'Celebration of Our Community'.

LEATHER & LACE Women's Motorcyle Club's June activities are as follows: 7th, Empire Valley Mine Run; 20th Freedom Day Faire Run; 23rd Mandatory S.F. Parade Overnighter; 28th Return Trip From Parade. For more information, call (916) 457-8458. (76AS)

BI-SEXUAL group forming. ** Meeting: June 28 (Sunday) ** Open to singles thru foursomes. Purpose: provide a positive wholesome environment for: [1] adult socials, [2] family outings, [3] rap groups, and [4] someday, politicking. Geared toward matching up "quads" (ie, 4-member closed relationships of 2 men and 2 women), preferrably who (plan to) have children. Please write: BFS c/o Cliff, PO Box 254450, Sacramento, CA 95865. Incl your name, best way to contact. (76AS)

SOBER & SOCIAL, Friday nights at the The Center. Sacramento's Gay & Lesbian Coffee House in the heart of midtown. Refreshments, conversation, games. Everyone welcome. 8:30 PM to midnight. Lambda Community Center, 1931 I Street. (74AT)

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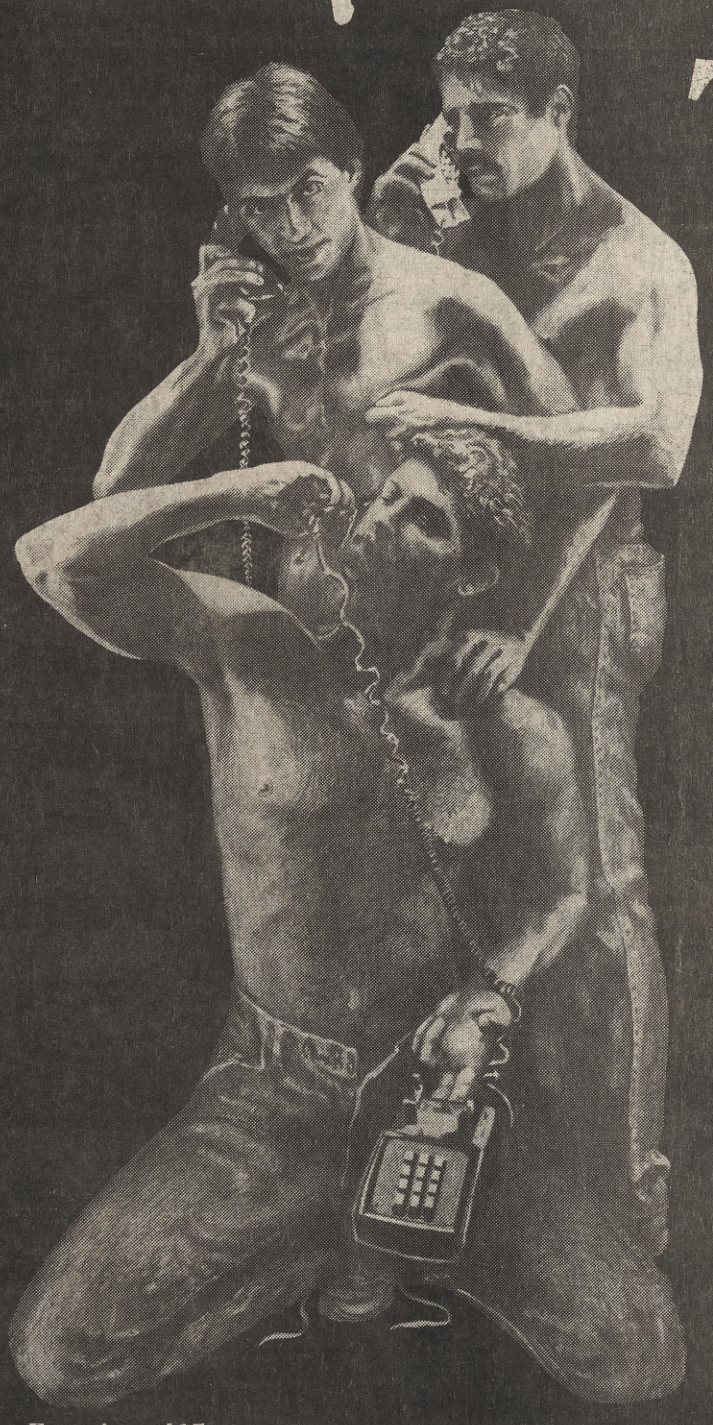

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